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TREASURY FOR SECRETARY SIMON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, SA, US, (SIMON, WILLIAM E.)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON

REF STATE 44422

THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO REFTEL NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS AS FOLLOWS:

PARA 2: THIS IS UNDERSTANDING USREP CONVEYED TO THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE WHO MADE THE APPOINTMENTS.

PARA 3: NAE ARE BEGINNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LUNCHEON YOU ARE REQUESTING SUBJECT TO SAG APPROVAL. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A PRIVATE DINING ROOM AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. AS MINISTER ABA AL-KHAIL WILL HAVE APPROXIMATELY 125 PEOPLE AT HIS DINNER ON SATURDAY, A PARALLEL LUNCHEON IS NOT FEASIBLE. WE RECOMMEND AN INFORMAL LUNCHEON FOR 15-20, EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWDJN SAUDI OFFICIALS AND AMERICAN DELEGATION. ABSENT WORD TO CONTRARY, WILL PROCEED.

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PARA 4: GOVERNOR QURAISHI WILL HOST A SMALL DINNER IMMEDIATELY

FOLLOWING PRESS CONFERENCE.

PARA 5: SCHEDULE WAS COVERED IN PARSKY/HORAN AND PARSKY/MORGAN TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS LAST NIGHT. JIDDA 1339 OMITTED THE 1300 MEETING WITH MINISTER YAMANI. MORGAN UNDERSTANDS THAT YOU AGREE TO THE SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED BECAUSE OF NECESSITY OF MAINTAINING THE GHOSAIBI/SOLAIM AND THE YAMANI VISITS. JOINT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE AT THE KING FAISAL CONFERENCE CENTER.

PARA 6: THE MINISTER IS PRESENTLY UNAVAILABLE BUT WE WILL TRY ON SATURDAY TO ARRANGE THE MEETING YOU HAVE REQUESTED#.

PARA 7: YOU HAVE MEETING WITH MINISTER YAMANI. IT IS REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT GDQX. QURAISHI WQWL ATTFSJ THE MEETING AT MINISTER ABA AL-KHAIL'S OFFICE ON SUNDAY AFTERNOEF. MINISTER HISHAM NAZER OUT OF COUNTRY, DATE OF RETURN UNCERTAIN.

PARA 8: WE HAVE NO FUTURE CONFIRMATION ON MEDIA ARRANGE-MENTS AT THIS TIME. SEPTELEX FROM USREP FOLLOWS ON THIS SUBJECT.

PARA 9: THE ROYAL GUEST HOUSE AND VILLAS ON SAME PREMISES WILL BE UTILIZED, AND THERE IS ROOM FOR 30. NEARLY ALL ARE LARGE DOUBLE ROOMS. EMBASSY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH ROYAL PROTOCOL.

PARA 10: THOSE NOT STAYING IN THE GUEST PALACE WILL BE HOUSED AT THE ZARAT AL-SHARK HOTEL, EXCEPT FOR THE AIRCRAFT CREW, WHO WILL BE AT THE SAHARI PALACE HOTEL. JIDDA 1429 INDICATES THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR WIVES. PLEASE REPLY REGARDING THE WISHES OF MRS. SIMON. THE ONLY SCHEDULE FOR THOSE NOT ATKNDING THE COMMISSION MEETING IS THE SATURDAY DINNER AND POOLED AUTOS WITH DRIVERS FOR TOURS OF RIYADH. HORAN

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